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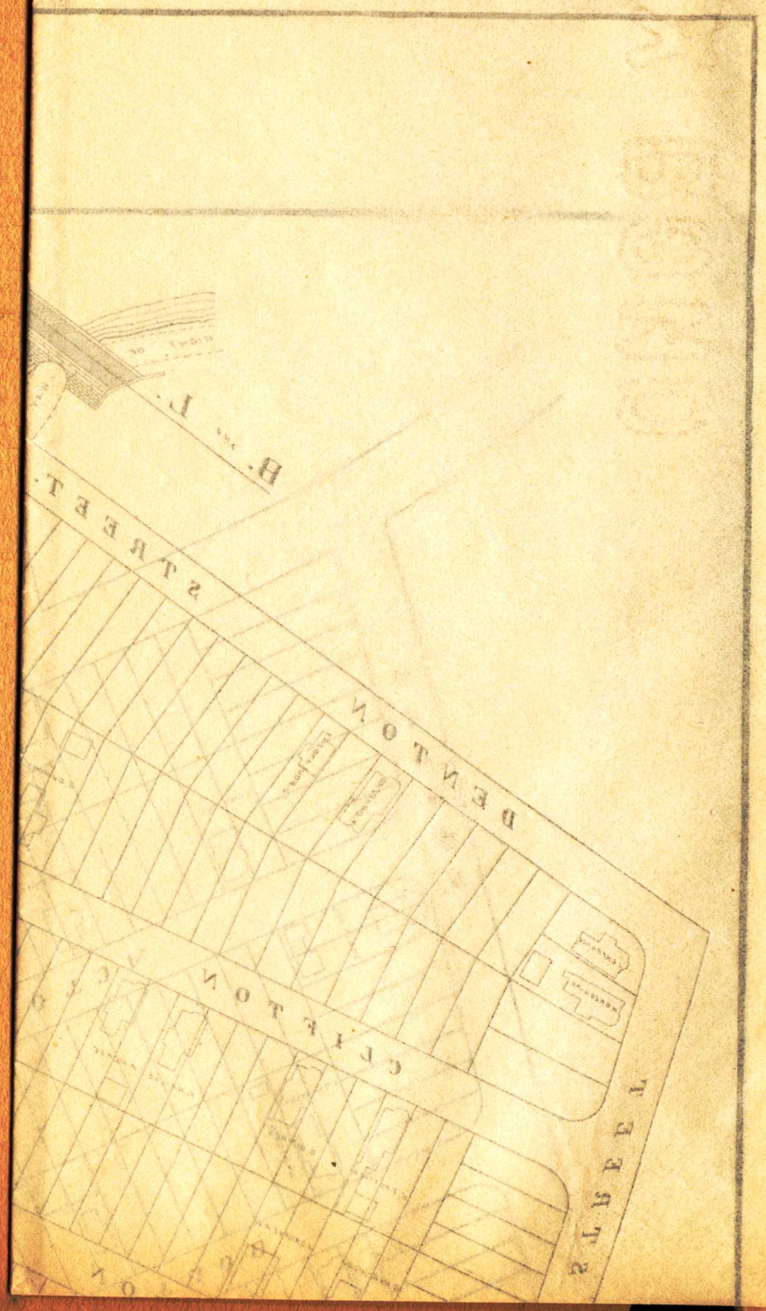

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Riverside Park Explosion

The Selectmen Submit the Following Report:

On July 29, 1903, at, or about the hour of nine o'clock a. m., the Town of Tewksbury, Mass., was seriously damaged by two immediate and almost simultaneous explosions.

Two brick magazines containing powder and other high explosives blew up, causing a loss of twenty-two lives and injury to sixty or seventy others; also seriously affecting property in the immediate vicinity valued at half a million of dollars; part of this loss being within our town and partly in the adjoining City of Lowell. The view of the immediate scene of the explosion five minutes after the event was one of awful horror.

The dead and dying were scattered near their ruined homes, the homeless and wounded running around, the ruins on fire in half a dozen places; the ambulances and the doctors flying from spot to spot as fast as needed.

Upon the first shock the Board of Selectmen hurried to the scene and assumed charge of the premises. The City of Lowell through Acting Mayor Miskella,

Deputy Welch, and Chief of Fire Department Hosmer, responded to the urgent appeals for aid without a moment's delay, and did everything in their power to maintain order, save property, and relieve suffering.

Hospitals threw open their doors, doctors volunteered their services, and order soon came out of chaos.

After consultation of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen with Deputy Welch, it was decided to be a wise precaution to call out the three Lowell companies of the Massachusetts militia, Co. G, Captain Fairweather; Co. C, Captain Kittredge, both of the Sixth Regiment, and Co. M, Captain McNulty, of the Ninth Regiment, and established a military cordon around the scene of the explosion. All the work was performed quickly, Acting Mayor Miskella being ever ready to aid and assist.

The Lowell police force to a man responded and the spectators were pushed outside the military lines; this work was performed by the Lowell police.

The Lowell fire department, under the personal direction of Chief Edward S. Hosmer, was early on the scene and the fires in the burning buildings quickly extinguished. In two hours the whole situation was under control.

The militia enclosed the territory with armed sentinels; the local special force guarded the damaged property; and the inner lines around the magazines and destroyed portion was guarded by the Lowell police.

On the outside of the military cordon the state police, under the command of General J. Whitney,

protected the public from all vicious persons and had general oversight of the great crowd of visitors.

The first step was for the protection of life and property and this being attended to, the next step was to provide shelter, food and clothing for the sufferers.

A fund was raised by the Lowell-Courier Citizen and this fund was used to care for the sufferers. Those who were made homeless were provided with homes, those who needed food were given food, and the wants of all were attended to.

The care and attention given to the distribution of food was under the personal direction of Selectman Joel F. Phelps and volunteer aid with teams furnished by C. W. Parsons and Athanaise Coutu, this work was continued during ten days,

The selection and distribution of the local special police was made by Selectman Robert Catherwood who was a resident of Wigginville, and knew the personal need of the sufferers.

The general oversight of the situation was under the direction of Chairman Albert C. Blaisdell, who was early on the scene and established headquarters near the explosion.

The complete story of the affair is too long for a report of this nature, but the duties of the selectmen have been continuous, day and night, from the date of the explosion, July 29th, down to the present time, and we leave the matter of credit for work done to the citizens.

The following tables will show the amount of assistance rendered by the State, and City of Lowell:

STATE MILITIA.

Provisional battalion on duty at Riverside Park, July 29 — August 3, 1903.

Field and staff, 5 officers, 3 men, 34 days.
Co. C, 6th Regt. Inft'y, 2 officers, 57 men, 350 days.
Co. G, 6th Regt. Inft'y, 1 officer, 59 men, 357 days.
Co. M, 9th Regt. Inft'y, 3 officers, 54 men, 336 days.

Total cost of same paid by Commonwealth of Massachusetts $2410.70.

STATE DISTRICT POLICE.

Eighteen men who served 64 days at a cost of $474.43, which was paid by the Commonwealth.

THE CITY OF LOWELL POLICE.

The City of Lowell sent every available man for police duty at the scene of the explosion, under Deputy Supt. Redmond Welch. On the 29th day of July seventy Lowell policemen volunteed their services and aided in restoring order, and from the 29th day of July until the 9th day of August, the City of Lowell sent 27 policemen for varied duties at an expense to Lowell of $259.87, besides the volunteer aid of men on July 29th, equal to $192.50.

THE LOWELL FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Under direction of Chief Engineer Edward S. Hosmer, the Lowell fire department responded with its complete quota of fire engines, trucks and hose. Engines 1, 4, and 5; hose 7, 9 and 11; truck 1; chemical C; protective wagon, with 70 men.

The number of buildings in Tewksbury within a half mile of the explosion affected by shock, is 307. The assessed value of same was $208,200, the estimate of loss to property made by the Chairman of Assessors at the time of explosion of $75,000 was a fair statement.

The successful handling of the disaster was due in a large measure to the efforts of Mayor Charles E. Howe of Lowell, who returned at midnight to assist in caring for sufferers, to Gen. J. H. Whitney, of Massachusetts district police, to Chief Edward S. Hosmer of the Lowell fire department, Deputy Redmond Welch of Lowell police, and every head of a city department in Lowell, Captains Fairweather, Kittredge, and McNulty of the state militia, and every man under their command. Co-operation and harmony was shown in every executive act.

In closing will say that financial items as affects the town may be found in our annual town reports.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ALBERT C. BLAISDELL,
JOEL F. PHELPS,
ROBERT CATHERWOOD,
Selectmen of Tewksbury.

LIST OF DAMAGES OR DESTROYED PROPERTY WITHIN THE NEAR VICINITY OF THE EXPLOSION.

William E. Rigg. Rear of River street. Cottage, barn, shed, hennery, etc. Assessed valuation of buildings, $700.

Francis Day. River street., cor Acton. 3 1-2 story house with store. Two tenements. Barn and shed. Assessed value of building, $1400.

Charles Hamel. River street cor. Acton. Tenant. Has wife, boy 12, daughter 15, baby. Age 47.

Margaret Farnham. Acton street. Cottage. Assessed value of building, less than $1000. Not assessed. Exempt.

Simon Laparrne. Acton street. Cottage. Assessed value of building, $500.

Occupied by M. A. Dalphine. No one injured. Occupied by tenent. Everything destroyed by fire and explosion.

Vital Gelineaux. Acton street. Cottage. Assessed value of building, $600. Tenant now moved to Peabody. No one injured. Occupied by son Caesar Gelineaux.

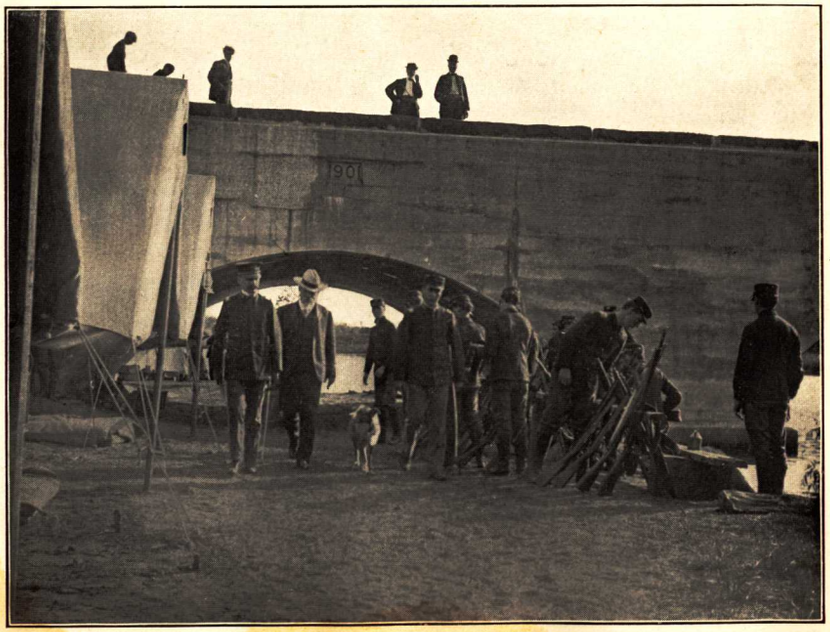
Casimir Suprenant. Acton street. Cottage and barn Asessseed value building, $500. Occupied by owner. All destroyed by explosion and fire. Barn not burned, was torn out on all sides and twisted, rafters broken, etc.

John Christman. Acton st. Stone house. 1 story French roof. Assessed value of buildings $850.

Helidore Langlois. Mary Hilbert. Also tenant. Now at 59 Worthen.

Occupied by Heladove Langloes now living at 8 Perry's ct., Middlesex st. He lost his furniture and clothing, pigs, hens, etc.

HEADQUARTERS OF CHAIRMAN BLAISDELL



COMPANY C STREET — ADJ.-GEN. DALTON, CAPTS. FAIRWEATHER AND KITTRIDGE

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Claims value of $850. The windows and frame smashed, very badly wrecked inside, roof sprung, chimney down, small barn in rear nearly destroyed.

Francis A. Murphy or Mary A. Patnaud. Acton st. Assessed value of buildings $600.

Occupied by Mary A. Patnaud. Now at 40 Agawam st. House very badly wrecked, side torn out, roof damaged, chimney down.

Joseph Marcotte. Acton street. Cottage with basement. Shop and barn. Assessed value of building, $600.

Alex Pelletier, tenant, had wife and one child. Baby hurt some, lost furniture. Buildings very badly wrecked, front gable smashed in, bottom of front in, sides thrown out and studs broken, chimmey down, roof crushed on main house and ell piazza all gone.

Ovide Ouilette. Acton street. Cottage. Assessed value of building, $700. Shed and hot-house in rear damaged. Side and rear end of main house sprung out, rafters broken on one side and knocked off of plate, chimneys down, doors and windows broken, plastering down.

George A. Cheney. Acton st. Cottage. Assessed value of building, $600. End and side sprung out, ridge parted in roof, cellar wall damaged, windows and doors broken, plastering down, parted at ridge, chimney down.

Joseph Plant. Acton st., west side, cor. Easton st. Two-story house. Barn. Assessed value of buildings, $1000, $200. Side of house torn out and rear also, chimney down, plastering off, sheathing broken, windows mostly broken, some doors broken.

Napoleon Goyette. Acton street. Two story house. Assessed value of building, $700. House and furniture destroyed by explosion and fire, part of one side of house now standing and it is said that house was not destroyed before fire occurred.

Wm. Fletcher. Acton street. Cottage and small barn. Assessed value of building, $350. Buildings destroyed by explosion, no fire.

C. Hendry. Acton street. Furniture.

Zepherin Perusse. Cor. Acton and River sts. Two-story house, barn and shop. Assessed value of buildings, $800, $100. All destroyed by explosion, no fire.

Orin F. Rodgers. River st. Cottage. Barn. Assessed value of buildings, $500, $50. All destroyed by explosion.

Wm. Galloway. River st. Furniture. Three killed, man, wife and one child.

Kate LaFrance. Bolton street. Cottage. Assessed value of building, $500. Partly burned by explosion, then burned, nothing left now.

Charles LeBlanc. Bolton street. Furniture. Lived in above house.

Patrick Donnelly and Mary Donnelly. Bolton street. Lot 158. Cottage and barn. Assessed value of buildings, $300. Old soldier, wife, no children. Side of ell torn out. House badly twisted, doors and windows smashed, roof smashed in, chimney down, plastering down, cellar wall damaged, side of main house out at sill. Shed damaged.

Emil Sarageau. Bolton street. Lot 153. Small cottage. Assessed value, $200. Partition down, doors and windows smashed, shed damaged, chimney down, cellar wall cracked.

Joseph Blais. Furniture.

Ferdinand F. Prenevau. Rear of Bolton st. Small barn.

Zotique Savageau. 22 Bolton st. Lots 145-146. Cottage. Assessed value of building $800. Wife, no children. Two tenements, two chimneys down, rafters broken, plastering down, all glass in house but three lights, doors and windows broken, ell roof started from plate, main roof sprung, side sprung out a little.

Peter Garrant. Bolton st. Furniture. Assessed value of building, $700.

Clement Suprenant. South side Bolton st. Lots 189-190. Gable roof cottage. Assessed value of building $500. House very badly torn to pieces, hardly worth repairing.

Zephin Perusse. Bolton st. Lot 192. French roofed cottage. Assessed value of building, $400. Is very badly damaged, practically a total wreck, side torn out, sill off, floors down, doors and windows out, roof thrown up, front thrown out from sill, cellar wall damaged.

John Savageau. Bolton st. Lot 202. Large two story house and barn. Assessed value of buildings, $1000. Doors, windows and some blinds smashed, considerable plastering down, side of house thrown out a little, stone driven through the side, roof lifted and rafters smashed, floor timbers broken, chimney down, barn side pushed out.

George Marchidon. Bolton street. Lot 209 - 210. Cottage. Assessed value of building, $800. Badly wrecked inside, side wall of house bulged out, roof to ell smashed in, two chimneys down, main one to floor, roof to main house torn apart, rafters broken, sill broken, cellar wall damaged, some studs broken, plastering down, doors and windows smashed. Henhouse badly smashed.

Peter Garrant. Bolton street. Cottage, two sheds, hennery. Assessed value of buildings, $700. House badly out of shape, side of house gone, ell all gone, roof gone, partitions down, not worth repairing.

Margaret Gaudreau. River street, cor. Bolton. Cottage. House in total ruins, side and end all gone. $500.

Caroline Marchand. River street, cor. Clifton. Cottage. Assessed value of building, $500. House is a wreck, also a shed in ruins.

Servule Le Blanc. River street, cor. Clifton. Furniture in above house.

Eugene Trotier. Clifton street. Lots 215-216. Cottage and barn. Assessed value of buildings, $800. Side of house thrown out, rafters broken, roof off of plate and split open. Chimneys down, plastering down, 60 lights glass; sash broken in 16 windows. Cellar wall damaged. Barn and shed damaged. Shed very bad.

Charles Dupres. Clifton street. Lots 219-220. Cottage. Assessed value of building, $1000. House spread apart on both sides from 2nd floor, roof smashed in, rafters broken, holes through, ridge parted. Ell roof sprung out, studs broken, chimney down, cellar wall damaged, bulkhead smashed, windows and doors broken, casings off, plastering badly broken, hennery smashed, fence broken.

Flavien Maille. Clifton st. Lots 223-224. Cottage. Assessed value of building, $800. Side sprung out, roof timbers broken, parted at ridge, chimney down, windows and doors smashed, blinds broken, plastering all off.

Peter Mosse. Clifton st. Lots 225-226. Cottage. Barn. Assessed value of buildings, $700, $100. Side of house sprung out, roof smashed in, rafters broken, chimneys down, plastering down, cellar wall damaged, doors and windows smashed, casings torn off, barn side thrown out, studs broken, rafters broken.

Severe Dumont. Clifton st. Lots 248-249. Cottage. Barn. Assessed value of buildings, $800, $100. House built 8 years ago. Extra well built, side sprung out, middle partititions moved, doors and windows badly smashed, casings torn off, plastering badly torn off, chimneys down, rafters broken, floor timber broken. Cellar wall damaged, piazza ceiling and roof broken. A piece of iron driven through the house. Barn, end thrown out, doors blown in, rafters broken.

Lizare Boulanger. Denton St. Lot 274. Two-story house. Assessed value of building, $500. Side of house pushed out some ; roof and rafters broken, floor timbers broken, sills gone out, wall damaged. Chimney rebuilt, plastering off, glass broken, doors broken.

William Drapeau. Denton st. New cottage. Assessed value of building, $800. Side of house sprung out, plastering down. Doors and windows damaged.

Mrs. R. L. Loupret. Furniture. Tenant in above house.

Jeremiah Le France. Easton st. Lot 266. Cottage. Estimated value of building, $700. Both sides of house sprung out,

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chimney has to be relaid, 20 lights of glass broken, plastering broken.

Joseph Gregoire. Easton st. Lot 265. Cottage with store below. Barn. Assessed value of buildings, $1000, $100. Some windows and doors smashed, chimney to be rebuilt, plastering damaged.

Charles Beaulieu. Talbot st. Two-story house. Barn. Assessed value of building, $1000. Father and mother occupy the house and rent the store. Barn damaged on side and roof. Side of house sprung out a little, chimney wrecked, windows broken out, plastering down. End of barn badly broken out, rear also, some windows smashed.

Joseph Marcotte. 23 Billerica st. Cottage. Nearly new house, badly damaged, roof smashed and rafters broken, end and side thrown out. Chimneys damaged way down. Windows all smashed and many doors broken.

Germain Pelletier. Occupied Marcotte's house. Furniture damaged.

Joseph Christman. 131 Billerica st. Lot 10-11-18. Cottage. Assessed value of building, $700. House badly wrecked, roof smashed in, rafters all broken, side of house blown out and smashed, gable end out, chimneys torn down and windows broken.

Joseph Christman. 145 Billerica st. Cottage. Assessed value of building, $600. House a bad wreck, roof broken, side blown out and hanging. End of ell same, floor timbers broken. Cellar wall damaged, one chimney down, doors and windows blown out, partitions broken.

Enoch Dumont. Billerica st. Tenant in above. Furniture.

Edwin Burgess. Billerica St. Cottage. Barn. Assessed value of buildings, $800, $150. House built about 14 years ago. Is a total wreck. Barn very badly damaged, not much value now.

Thomas England. Billerica st. Cottage. Shed. Assessed value of building, $500. Sides of house sprung out, roof lifted

up and smashed, rafters broken, chimneys down, doors and windows broken, plastering broken and down.

Mr. Wilkinson. Billerica st. Furniture. Tenant in above house.

Joseph Stavely. 56 Billerica st. Cottage, slate roof. Assessed value of building, $700. House built about five years ago. Floor timbers broken, rafter broken also studs, side of ell torn out, partitions sprung, chimneys down, floors sagged, doors and windows smashed, casings off.

Albert C. Richardson. 52-54 Billerica st. High cottage with two-story ell. Assessed value of building, $1350. Two tenements, slate roof, built four years ago. Doors and windows broken, plastering down, cellar wall damaged, slates badly broken, roof timbers broken, chimney down, fence broken.

Walter Whitworth. Furniture. Tenant in above.

Mary Flynn. Billerica st., cor. Lee ave. Cottage. Barn. Assessed value of buildings, $700, $150. Holes through side of house, roof smashed and thrown out, separated at ridge, rafters split, chimneys down, 54 lights glass broken, doors broken, plastering down, side of house out. End of barn thrown out, roof smashed in, rafters broken, sides bulged out, doors broken.

John Allister. 3 Lee ave. Cottage. Assessed value of building, $800. House badly wrecked, side pushed out, gable front broken, roof parted at ridge, collar beams and furring broken, chimney down, some plastering off, doors broken, windows smashed, casings hit by bricks, several holes through bulkhead, frame broken.

Benjamin Stavely. 9, 14 and 16 Lee ave. Cottages. Assessed value of buildings, $900, $800, $800.

Thomas Stavely. 12 Lee ave. Cottage, slate roof. Assessed value of building, $700. Side sprung, two chimneys down, some new slate needed, four lights of glass and three new windows, two door casings out, plastering down.

Joseph Lloyd. Tenant. 10 Lee ave. Furniture.

Frank Laprise. Tenant. 14 Lee ave. Furniture.

W. H. Atkinson. 16 Lee ave. Furniture. Was tenant, lately moved in.

Ann Adler. 6 Lee ave. Cottage. Assessed value of building, $700. Several holes by bricks, rafters sprung and broken, windows and frames smashed, 73 lights, shingles broken, chimney down, piazza broken, plastering off.

Elizabeth Keogh. 6 Lee ave. Furniture. Tenant in above house, was injured by blow on back of head.

Josiah Doole. 4 Lee ave. Cottage. Assessed value of building, $600. House, shed and buildings badly shattered.

Thomas Gray. 42 Billerica st., Cor. Lee ave. Cottage. Assessed value of building, $700. Side of house thrown out, bay window started, roof lifted, holes through roof, chimneys down, windows broken, some plastering down, some doors broken, rear cellar wall damaged.

Samuel H. Davis. 40 Billerica st., next to railroad. Cottage. Barn. Shed. Assessed value on buildings, $700, $100. Side of shed thrown out, end partly off. Barn, ridge split apart, rafters broken, studs broken and split. House, side thrown out, sill off wall, cellar wall damaged, bay window split off, chimneys down, glass broken, window and door casing off. Some damage to furniture.

Edward Carney. Billerica st., west side. Cottage. Sheds. Assessed value of buildings, $500, $50. Windows all smashed, only one whole pane left, doors broken, blinds broken, plastering down, chimneys down, cellar wall cracked, holes in roof, several stones thrown through the house.

David Bruce. 38 Billerica st., cor. Warnock. Cottage, unfinished 2d floor. Assessed value of building, $400. Side of house thrown out from wall 8 inches, chimney broken to 2d floor, hole in the roof, three doors broken, 23 lights glass out, some plastering down, roof opened at top.

Thomas McKee. 36 Billerica st., cor. Warnock. Cottage. Assessed value of building, $650. All glass out, 32 lights, outside

doors broken, side sprung a little, cellar wall damaged, chimneys down, some shingles off, plastering broken. Hen house and shed broken.

Ellen Avery. 30 Billerica st. Cottage. Assessed value, $600. One chimney down, two windows out, some other glass broken, some plastering down, some curtains and fancy things damaged.

Alexander Pitt. 24 Billerica st. Two story house. Assessed value of building, $1600. Shook the house considerable, two chimneys down, 55 large lights of glass broken, front door and three other doors smashed, lifted ell roof and opened it, plastering down. Barn windows broken.

Thomas England. 26 Billerica st. Front cottage, rear cottage, rear cottage. Assessed value of buildings, $800, $200, $800. Holes in side and roof, chimneys damaged, some plastering down in every room, 27 lights of glass broken, side sprung out about one inch. Chimney twisted, 13 lights of glass out, plastering down. Chimney down to roof, a little plastering off, glass broken.

Richard Birtwistle. 24 Billerica st. Furniture. Tenant in Alexander Pitt's house.

John A. Anderson. 20 Billerica st. Two-story house. Barn. Assessed value of buildings, $1400, $150. All windows broken, front door a little, two chimneys down, some plastering down. In barn, windows and frames broken.

James Whitworth. 5 Billerica st. Dwelling house, boat houses, store. Assessed value of buildings, $800, $1100, $200. Lost 74 lights of glass in all. In house; chimneys leaned over, plastering in three rooms, ceiling down. Damage in three boat houses; in doors, windows, lockers, etc.

Wm. B. Burke. 4 Warnock st. Two-story house. Assessed value of building, $900. House hit back on corner, post broken, roof broken in, side pushed out three inches, front pushed out near top, rear sprung out, roof started in center, several rafters split, chimneys down, windows all smashed, doors, blinds and casings broken, plastering down, cellar wall damaged, shed damaged.

RUINS GANDREAU HOUSE

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Heirs of Herbert Craven. Warnock st. Two-story house. Assessed value of building, $900. House twisted, sides started, every window broken, 16 rafters broken and front plate, hole in roof, chimney built over, front door and one inside door smashed, casings broken, plastering gone.

Mrs. John Kelly. Furniture. Tenement in Craven house.

George Dowrey. Warnock st. Two-story house. Assessed value of building, $700. Sides of house sprung off slightly, inside partition sprung, plastering damaged, 43 lights of glass, two chimneys built over, cellar wall damaged some.

Eustache Christman. 8 Warnock st. Two-story house. Assessed value of building, $900. Front gable smashed and thrown out, side started a little, two chimneys built over, plastering off, windows broken.

James W. Cooper. 10 Warnock st. Two-story house. Assessed value of building, $500. One chimney broken below roof, side sprung out two inches, gable roof lifted. Considerable damage done, 46 lights of glass broken, cellar wall damaged a little.

Heirs of Herbert Craven. 12 Warnock st. Two-story house. Assessed value of building, $900. Some damage to roof, side sprung out a little, all the glass broken out below, eight lights above, some plastering down, cellar windows smashed.

Mrs. Dunn. Furniture. Lived in above, up stairs.

Mrs. Meloy. 12 Warnock st. Furniture.

George Berkett. 14 Warnock st. Two-story house. Assessed value of building, $900. Ell roof and main roof damaged, side sprung out two inches, chimneys rebuilt, front gable broken, cellar wall damaged, some 40 lights of glass broken, front door smashed, plastering broken.

George Berkett. Warnock st. and Raymond ave. Cottage. Assessed value of building, $800. Slate broken, roof started a little, 26 lights of glass broken, three doors smashed, one chimney, plastering damaged.

Victor Plattern. 14 Warnock st. Furniture. Tenant at 14 Warnock st.

William Jones. 11 Whitehead, cor. Warnock. Two-story house. Two tenements. Assessed value of building, —— Roof badly smashed, side of house sprung out, partition under stairs thrown, front sprung out in 2nd story, rafters broken, chimney down, considerable plastering broken, 37 lights glass, window sash and casing broken. Brick through shed.

William Jones. 9 Whithead st. Two-story house. Assessed value of building, $700. Chimney damaged, side badly thrown out above sill, ends sprung some, plastering badly damaged, 40 lights glass, some doors broken, some windows, sash and casings out. Sides of barn thrown out, brick through roof.

David Manning. 9 Whitehead st. Tenant in above house.

Thomas England. 13 Whitehead st., cor. Warnock st. Two-story house, 2 tenements. Assessed value of buildings, $700. Roof very badly damaged, rafters all broke on one side, side of house sprung out ten inches at 2nd floor, chimney way down, roof to ell broken in, 6 sashes broken, all the windows out, doors broken, plastering very much damaged. Barn roof split, doors broken.

Elmer Wing. 13 Whitehead st., cor. Warnock st. Tenant in above house, up stairs.

Edward England. 15 Whitehead st. Two-story house. Assessed value of building, $800. Both houses badly damaged, rafters broken, one side of main roof will have to come off, side sprung out 3 inches at floor, chimney broken, rear gable smashed, much plastering down, windows and doors broken.

William McQuaid. 15 Whitehead st. Tenant in above house.

Edward England. 17 Whitehead st. Two-story house. Assessed value of building, $800. One side roof of main house broken in very bad, all rafters gone, both gable ends started, side sprung out, chimney down to second floor, nearly all the glass out, plastering down, brick came through side into kitchen.

Thomas E. Wilde. 17 Whitehead st. Tenant in above house. Furniture.

Duncan McMillan. 17 Whitehead st. Tenant in above house.

James Stead, 7 Whitehead st. Two-story house. Assessed value of building, $800. One side of roof badly sunk in, most of the rafters broken, chimney broken in attic, side sprung out three inches, other side out a little, several ceilings down, a few places on the walls, piazza sprung off, several windows smashed. House was recently repaired.

Thomas Houghton. 17 Warnock st. Two-story house. Assessed value of building, $800. Roof badly smashed, parted in center, rafters broken, rear gable and rear of ell badly damaged, side sprung out a little, partitions badly shaken, chimney down, plastering damaged considerable.

Harriet Talbot. 15 Warnock st. Double two-story house. Assessed value of building, $1400. Roof crushed in, rafters broken on three sides, 2 chimneys down, sides sprung out three inches, one partition moved considerable, plastering down, most of windows smashed, some doors broken, casings off.

Mitchell Corr. 15 Warnock st. Damage to furniture.

Harry Robertshaw. 11 Warnock st. Two-story house. Assessed value of building, $1400. Roof off, house badly broken, 2 sides of house sprung out, ceilings lifted up stairs rooms. All the glass broken but four lights, 2 chimneys down, plastering off, one door smashed, end of barn driven out, rafters broken and roof pulled away from house.

F. A. Richardson and M. A. Wilson. Live on Walker st. 9 Warnock st. Two-story house. Assessed value of building, $800. Split roof at top, 12 rafters broken, also 3 in ell roof, rear gable was struck by missile, studs all broken, both sides sprung out a little, 2 chimneys down, considerable plastering off, all but two windows broken, 53 lights.

Allan Buchannan. 9 Warnock st. Tenant in above house. Furniture.

Anna K. Coburn. 7 Warnock st. Two-story house. Assessed value of building, $800. Was not occupied. End of ell smashed in, roof damaged, side sprung a little, chimney down, front sprung out some, roof split, some rafters broken, plastering down, windows broken.

James D. Whyte. 5 Warnock st. Two-story house. Assessed value of building, $700. Mother hurt on face and arm. Side sprung out about five inches. Chimney down, ell damaged outside, considerable plastering down.

George L. Cady. 3 Warnock st. Two-story house. Assessed value of building, $800. Rear end sprung out 4 inches, gable smashed in, ell roof badly smashed, studding broken some, raised attic floor, chimney down, windows and blinds broken. Considerable plaster off.

Joseph Morrow. 3 Warnock st. Furniture damaged.

Albert Berkett. Raymond ave. New two-story. Assessed value of building, $800. 26 lights of glass broken, 3 rafters, roof sunk in some, chimney rebuilt, some plastering off. Slate on roof.

Harry Bowen. 5 Raymond ave. New cottage. Assessed value of building, $800. Side sprung a little, chimney built over, some plastering off and cracked. 16 lights of glass and one door broken.

Fred Howard. 2 Hunton Avenue. New cottage. Assessed value of building, $400. Unfinished second floor. Side of shed thrown out, two rafters broken, roof lifted a little, two doors damaged, some plastering down.

Elizabeth Davis. Juniper street. Cottage. $800.

Wm. Ruckledge. Juniper street. Cottage. Assessed value of building, $800.

Francis Whitely. Juniper street. Furniture. Tenant of Mrs. E. Davis.

Mary Billodeau. Talbot street, corner Liberty. Two-story house, store not entirely finished. Assessed value of building, $1000. Some floor joists and underlayer broken. All the windows

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but one smashed, small gable burst out, some holes in roof, three cellar beams broken, two chimneys down to attic floor, considerable plastering off, several doors broken.

Heirs Peter Gray. 160 Talbot street. Cottage, barn. As-value of buildings, $750, $250. Occupied by J. E. Gray. No family. Barn badly damaged, roof split off, six rafters broke, frame and end smashed, house side sprung out, roof of ell knocked in, two chimneys broken, some plastering off, several doors broke.

Patrick S. Smith. 966 Lawrence street. House and barns. Assessed value of buildings, $1000.

Mrs. William Murphy. 59 Bowden street. Brick through roof of ell, plastering cracked, glass broken, etc.

Nellie Gray. 148 Talbot street. Cottage. Assessed value of building, $650. Side of ell thrown out 4 inches, 3 chimneys down, doors broken, windows smashed, some plastering down, cellar wall damaged.

James Duffy. 148 Talbot street. Furniture. Tenant in above.

To the Selectmen of Tewksbury.

GENTLEMEN :

I was called by your board to the scene of the explosion to remain as long as there was need of a Physician or Health Officer.

During the time I was on duty, which was five whole days and parts of others, my accomplished work was as follows.

All sick in the vicinity of the Explosion who applied for medical treatment received it. A visit was made twice a day to all the military camps until the arrival of their own hospital corp. Accidents occuring on the grounds were also cared for.

The morning after the explosion a visit was made through the stricken district, to ascertain who required immediate assistance in the line of food and temporary shelter.

The largest part of my work came in the Health Department in getting the animal remains cleared up. These were strewn over acres of ground, pieces were amongst the ruins of houses and caught in barbed wire fences, etc. All this flesh was decaying and very fast becoming a source of danger.

Men were started to work in a radiating circle, to carefully collect every piece of this decomposing matter and put them in piles. Which, after being sorted over to remove any human parts, were collected by the town teams, carried a safe distance and buried.

The brooks and all pools of water were carefully raked to remove anything that could possibly have been overlooked in them.

After this had been done there still remained places where the earth seemed soaked with grease, also greasy stagnent waters stood in pools, both were covered with flies and gave off a very offensive smell. The earth was carefully covered with sand and the pools filled. The result being a disappearance of the flies and most of the odor.

All human flesh was carefully saved and turned over to an undertaker for possible identification and for Christian burial.

I wish to add that no epidemic or single case of contagious disease resulted from the explosion as a factor.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. CLARK, M. D.,
Agent.

SPECIAL POLICE.

The following is a list of the names of Special Police who served the town at the Explosion, and cost of service.

Gelineau	$ 2.40	Morris	12.90
Briggs	5.00	McKee	21.60
Coburn	20.90	Plante	44.00
Grant	20.20	Pringle	8.00
Strowberg	19.00	Bancroft	12.00
Raymond	11.00	Staveley	10.20
Mosse	60.20	Maille	13.20
Dumont	33.20	LaPrise	14.40
Dillon	22.00	Clegg	17.20
Neild	26.00	Dupris	20.00
Doole	34.40		
Richardson	16.20	Total,	$444.00

REPORT OF CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF FIRE WARDS ON RIVERSIDE PARK EXPLOSION.

As soon as possible after the explosion several members of the board hastened to the scene of the disaster and rendered what aid they could in searching the ruins for bodies of the victims and protecting whatever of value could be found.

During the first night a careful watch was kept throughout the whole scene of desolation, the militia, town police and Lowell police acting together.

On the next morning those houses that were blown down were pulled apart under the direction of the board and a careful

search was made to make certain that no one had been buried underneath the debris, and also to secure anything of value that might be found.

Those buildings left standing but injured beyond repair were condemned as unsafe and taken down.

The board of firewards assisted the selectmen and police in maintaining order and rendered what assistance they could during the first few days after the explosion.

J. L. Fleming,
Chairman Board of Fire Wards.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

The following list includes the names of persons whose death was caused by the explosion in this town July 29, 1903, and reported to town clerk : —

Several parts of bodies, (unknown), July 29, 1903.
Robert Galloway, July 29, 1903.
William Galloway, July 29, 1903.
Gilbert McDermott, July 29, 1903.
William McDermott, July 29, 1903.
Geo. Washington McDermott, July 29, 1903.
Thomas Houlighan, July 29, 1903.
Joseph Houlighan, July 29, 1903.
Victaline Perusse, July 29, 1903.
Josephine Perusse, July 29, 1903. Accident.
Part of body of James Grady, July 29, 1903.
Margaret E. Rigg, July 29, 1903.
Parts of unknown bodies, July 29, 1903.
John F. McMaster, July 29, 1903.
Eliza Galloway, August 1, 1903.
Clara Suprenant, Sept. 24, 1903.
Albert Berkett, child.

John H. Chandler,
Town Clerk.

LIST OF INJURED JULY 29, 1903, AS REPORTED AT TIME OF EXPLOSION TO THE SELECTMEN.

Noah P. Batchelor. Injured while on his car (as motorman) on the day of the explosion. Struck by flying brick on ankle.

Badger or Baillergeon. Charles, 2 years was boarding with Charles Hamel. The child was badly shaken and died August 11, 1903.

Peter Brinn. Wife was hit with a brick in explosion and lamed.

John Beaulieu. Mother slightly injured.

Albert Berkett. Wife and child slightly injured. Child died.

Lazre Boulanger. Wife slightly injured about head.

Frank Billadeau. House and furniture badly damaged.

Edward Carney. Struck with a brick in groin. House and furniture badly damaged.

Mitchell Corr. Slightly injured.

Patrick Donnelly. Wife badly shaken up. Very nervous.

Fabian Gendreau. Wife was thrown out of house a distance of 25 feet. Body was found under cradle and mortar.

William Galloway. Emily (his sister) in hospital. Father and mother died in St. John's Hospital.

Cesaire Gelineau. Wife scalded by hot water, was washing at time of explosion.

Vital Gelineau. Daughter had her head and face cut.

Charles Hamel. Wife, son and husband injured.

Ralph H. Loupret. Wife and two daughters cut over head and face.

Serville LaBlanc. Wife was hurt in back. Willie was hurt in head.

Helidore Langlois. Wife is stirred up nervously and unable to eat or sleep.

James Keogh. Mrs. Keogh lost her front teeth by a fall.

Flavian Maille. Eva slightly cut about face. Ivie slightly cut about knee.

Peter Mosse. Nervous disturbances of wife and children.

Jeremiah McCarthy. Compound fracture of left arm and cut on head and lips.

Michael McDermott. Edward (9 years) is in hospital.

Alice M. Moore. Husband killed.

Bannister Marsden. Wife injured by being thrown down stairs.

Joseph F. Morrill. Nellie hurt in the head.

Ovide Ouilette. Arm slightly injured.

Zepharin Perusse. Wife and daughter killed. Husband was injured in three ribs and in the back. George (son) was hurt in back.

Thomas and Alba Pelletier. Wife was struck in the side and cut on arm and head.

Georgiana Perusse. Sister died in Emergency Hospital.

George Perusse. Mother and sister killed. He was injured and his father had three ribs broken. (See Zepharin.)

William E. Rigg. Wife was killed. Robert (10 years) was injured.

Albert C. Richardson. Mrs. Richardson was cut on cheek.

Benoni Ravenell. Mrs. Ravenell was injured in face.

Casimer Suprenant. Clara (10 years) was badly injured in head.

Joseph Stavely. Wife was injured. Nervous shock.

Benjamin Stavely. Wife was injured. Nervous shock.

Emily G. Trueworthy. Daughter had a blood vessel ruptured at time of the explosion, while at work in telephone office.

William Wilkinson. Wife has concussion of brain.

Francis Whitely. Boy was slightly injured.

James D. Whyte. Mother had vein cut in arm.